

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“Near to the Heart of God”* McAfee

Call to Worship

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Meditate on God’s word day and night.

Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Plant yourself like a tree and yield good fruit in due season.

Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Prosper in all that you do according to kin-dom measures.

Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

Righteous God, you create us for community, and you commune with us. May we seek your presence anew this day and in the time to come.

Help us to recognize you in the sound and feel of our own breath and in the movement or noise of those around us. Embolden us to faith that surpasses understanding and ministry that reflects radical trust in you and the path of abundance, compassion, and connection. Let our

worship in song and prayer be a foreshadowing of our worship in action and witness. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 1 NRSVUE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 569 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Abiding God, you come near to us. We give thanks that you do not turn away from us when our lives reflect messiness, ungraciousness, and complacency. Take us deeper, O God, and help us to confront what needs to be known, addressed, and changed within us, our community, and our world. Forgive us and free us from guilt and shame so that we might embrace a life of accountability and transformation for the glory of God and for the hope of humanity. Amen.

Words of Grace

Good creation of God, the Holy One has begun a good work in you and will see it through to completion. You have power to transform and grace to enter the newness of life. God is near and comes down with us. Receive God’s mercy, forgiveness, and grace as the gift that has been given. It is available, yours, and enough.

We are forgiven! Praise be to God, Amen.

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially, there is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.

+ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have planted generosity in our hearts. Receive our gifts as part of your redemptive work to save the world from inequities, pain, and despair. May our resources be renewed and magnified so that all needs are met and your name be praised. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 6:17-26 NRSVUE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

Chancel Choir Hymn

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 552

“We All Are One in Mission”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Hymn for Brotherhood”

Hughes

Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

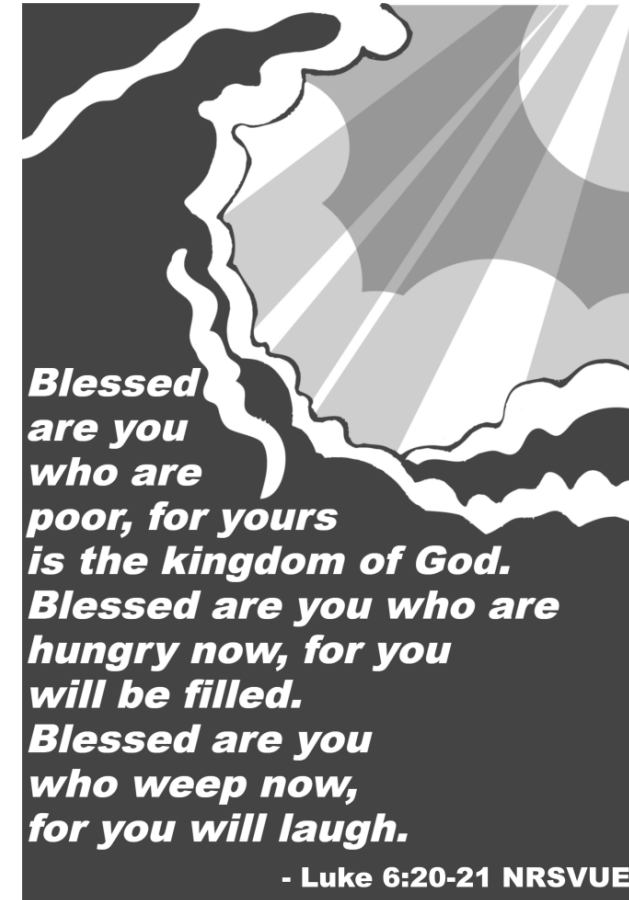
We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



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Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri

Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jane Ridder
Ushers: Paul & Shanna Brinker Greeters: Faith Quest Kids
Camera Tech: David Bean Sound Tech: Dan Mossoney
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

Usher Dismissal - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

Coffee/Fellowship Hour will be in the lower commons each Sunday following the worship service.

Historical Display - The Historical Display Case during the month of February features Ruth Cantrell. Stop by the display to see pictures of Ruth and her family.

This Morning - Congregational Meeting of Zion UCC will be this morning following the worship service and will be held in the sanctuary.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbrugge	Carol Bean	Sarah Berghorn
Hettie Becker (at Union Care Center)		Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)		
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)		Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)		
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Norma Laubinger (sister of Hettie Becker)		Liz Klemme (daughter/sister of Armin, Norma & Phil Klemme)		
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)		Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)		
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)		Whitney Henle (granddaughter of Susan Merlino)		
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips)		

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Marilyn Freiermuth, Tim Stahlman & families on the death of Keith who died on February 13th and their brother-in-law and uncle, Leland Stahlman who died on February 12th.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Bob Peters (friend of Bill & Fern Dewert)	Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Keith Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)

Various Concerns:

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:

Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Adult Education Opportunities

This Morning - The JOY Adult Class meets this morning in the lower commons classroom. They will be discussing the book 'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk' by John Pavlovitz.

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

This Morning - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; Preschool - ages 3-5 will meet in the Preschool Room (the nursery); Faith Quest - grades kindergarten-5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; Confirm NOT Conform - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar – February 16, 2025 to February 23, 2025

Today -	The 6th Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., Feb. 17 -	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
Wed., Feb. 19	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thurs., Feb. 20 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Feb. 21 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Feb. 23 -	The 7th Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Mon., Feb. 17 – Articles for the March 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Wednesday, February 19th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, February 26th beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fri., March 7 - The Grape Country Cluster of Churches is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit Camp MoVal on Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, Missouri. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include soft drinks, beer, and water. No outside beverages are allowed, but you can bring your own snacks. Tables hold eight people, but smaller groups can be paired up. Zion is sponsoring two tables of eight. Sign up at the lower commons bulletin board to be on a team. There are three ways to support the event: purchase tickets to attend, donate silent auction items, or sponsor a round (an opportunity to advertise your business/activity/event.) Pick up a silent auction form at the office or email Alysha apetry@zionunion.org to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round, e-mail Jeff Remelius at bemchurchpastor@gmail.com. Help us support the camp by supporting this fun event.

During the month of March – Spring clean up at the Zion Cemetery will be from March 1st to March 31st. Please remove any items you may want to keep before these dates and they may be placed back after March 31st. Thank you!

Little Food Pantry – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

Little Free Library – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

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